

REMARKS


In the Final Office Action mailed 24 November 2007, the examiner rejects independent claim 27 under §102(e) in view of Chung (US2002/0151310), independent claim 35 under §102(b) in view of Chheda (US6188914), independent claim 1 under §103(a) in view of Chung and Chheda, and independent claim 53 under §103(a) in view of Chheda, Chung, and Bender (US2003/0076795). The examiner further allows claims 50 – 52 and indicates that claims 2 – 11, 13 – 26, 28 – 34, 37 – 42, 45 – 49, and 55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, the applicant amends independent claim 1 to include the allowable limitations of claim 2, independent claim 27 to include the allowable limitations of claim 28, independent claim 35 to include the allowable limitations of claim 40, and independent claim 53 to include the allowable limitations of claims 54 and 55. The applicant also cancels claims 2, 28, 40, 54, and 55, amends claims 3, 5, 6, 11, and 41 to correct the claim dependencies in light of the amendments to the independent claims, and amends claims 12, 17, and 18 to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is added.

In light of the enclosed amendments, the applicant submits that the claims stand in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant requests that the examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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